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Meulenberg et al.

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VIRUSES AND VACCINES AND  
DIAGNOSTIC ASSAYS DERIVED  
THEREOF

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 27, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and includes attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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**Reply to Office Action of August 27, 2003**

An **Appendix** including the amended drawings is attached following page 17 of this paper.